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SUBJ: UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF SUMMARY AND REPORT TO CONGRESS
ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE

REF: A. STATE 87786; B. STATE 89636; C. USNATO 2023

1. AT APRIL 22 PERMREPS LUNCH, AMB BRUCE RAISED MATTER OF UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF NUNN NUCLEAR REPORT (REF A). BRUCE POINTED OUT THAT NPG PERMREPS HAD NOW HAD THE DRAFT SUMMARY SINCE FRIDAY, APRIL 18, AND THAT WE HAD HEARD NO COMMENTS ON OR OBJECTION TO THE TEXT. HE SAID THAT WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT WE ARE FREE TO FURNISH THE SUMMARY TO SENATOR NUNN FOR HIS USE ON AN UNCLASSIFIED BASIS. NO PERMREP DEMURRED AT THIS STATEMENT. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES WASHINGTON CAN NOW PROCEED TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY TO CONGRESS.

2. ON APRIL 21, MISSION REVIEWED DRAFT UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF NUNN AMENDMENT NUCLEAR REPORT WITH COLONEL GOLDSTEIN (REF B). APART FROM ONE OR TWO MINOR SUGGESTIONS WHICH COLONEL GOLDSTEIN WILL BRING BACK WITH HIM, WE BELIEVE THE DOCUMENT IS

SUTABLE FOR UNCLASSIFIED RELEASE.

3. CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION
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OF THE FULL REPORT WITH THE ALLIES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS PRESSURE FROM SENATOR STENNIS TO GET THIS VERSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE MOST EFFICIENT APPROACH FOR TAKING ALLIED

INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT WOULD BE TO PROVIDE SYG LUNS AND THE NPG PERMREPS WITH ADVANCE COPIES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE FULL REPORT ABOUT 4-5 DAYS BEFORE IT IS TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS. WE WOULD NOT SPECIFICALLY INVITE ALLIED COMMENTS. THE DEGREE OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION SUGGESTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, WOULD PROVIDE ALLIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER MAJOR OBJECTIONS IF THEY HAD ANY (WHICH WE DO NOT EXPECT), AND WOULD MEET THEIR EXPRESSED AND LEGITIMATE DESIRE TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION DIRECTLY AFFECTING NATO.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, AT THE APRIL 22 PERMREPS LUNCH, AMB BRUCE, AFTER DISCUSSING THE UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY (PARA 1 ABOVE), PROPOSED THAT THE US COULD PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF FULL REPORT TO THE ALLIES IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE. NONE OF THE AMBASSADORS RAISED OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPROACH. BRUCE

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